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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS BRIEFING: AMB YOUNG'S TRIP TO SOUTH  
AFRICA  
NO. 5

1. TODAY'S BRIEFING WAS MONOPOLIZED BY QUESTIONS ON SOUTH  
AFRICA'S APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO WELCOME ANDY YOUNG ON A  
PRIVATE VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY. AFRICA BUREAU IS TRANS-  
MITTING ACTUAL TEXT. BELIEVE YOU WOULD BE BETTER SERVED FOR  
MOMENT TO HAVE VERBATIM GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR TODAY'S  
BRIEFING, MOST OF WHICH I USED, PLUS QUESTIONS TAKEN.  
ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW WHEN CLEARED.

2. BEGIN GUIDANCE  
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Q: COULD YOU COMMENT ON FORNMIN BOTHA'S STATEMENT CONCERNING  
AMB YOUNG'S PROPOSED VISIT TO JOHANNESBURG?

A: AMB YOUNG HAS RECEIVED INVITATIONS FROM WITWATERSRAND  
UNIV AND FROM SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN TO VISIT AND  
ADDRESS SEVERAL GROUPS IN JOHANNESBURG ON MAY 20. AMB

YOUNG RESPONDED THAT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY. THIS IS A PRIVATE VISIT.

Q: DID AMB YOUNG INTEND TO MEET WITH BLACK LEADERSHIP

IN JOHANNESBURG?

A: AS I SAID, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT ARE BEING MADE BY THOSE WHO ARE INVITING HIM. AS I UNDERSTAND, AMB YOUNG HAS MADE NO ARRANGEMENTS INDEPENDENT OF THIS.

Q: HAS THE US SOUGHT SOUTH AFRICAN APPROVAL FOR AMB YOUNG'S VISIT?

A: THE US HAS INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT AMB YOUNG HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO SPEAK. IN THAT CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THAT SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS TRAVELLING IN THE US ARE NOT RESTRICTED AS TO PLACES THEY MIGHT GO OR AUDIENCES THEY MIGHT ADDRESS.

Q: WILL AMB YOUNG MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT?

A: AS WE HAVE SAID, THIS IS A PRIVATE VISIT AND HE IS NOT SEEKING SUCH APPOINTMENTS. IF AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED, HE WOULD OF COURSE CONSIDER IT.

Q: WHAT IS AMB YOUNG DOING IN AFRICA IN THE FIRST PLACE?  
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A: ON BACKGROUND, SINCE THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED (BUT HAS APPEARED WIDELY IN THE PRESS), AMB YOUNG WILL BE VISITING ABIDJAN FOR A CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING AND MAPUTO FOR A UN CONFERENCE, PLUS POSSIBLY OTHER STOPS. HE WOULD FLY INTO JOHANNESBURG FROM MAPUTO.

END GUIDANCE

### 3. QUESTIONS TAKEN AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING

A. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL BE MEETING SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN VIENNA AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE SPEAKING IN SOUTH AFRICA. DOES THIS REPRESENT DELIBERATE POLICY OR ARE THESE ARRANGEMENTS COINCIDENTAL? DOES THE US HAVE A TWO-LEVEL POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA?

B. IN THEIR COMMUNICATION WITH US, DID THE SOUTH AFRICANS

IN ANY WAY LINK THE VORSTER MEETING WITH THE YOUNG SPEECH?

C. WILL AMB YOUNG'S SPEECHES IN SOUTH AFRICA BE CLEARED  
IN ADVANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT?

D. WILL THE AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL TO AND FROM HIS  
PRIVATE VISIT IN SOUTH AFRICA BE DONE AT OFFICIAL  
EXPENSE?

4. NOTE: THERE IS PROBABILITY THAT, CONTRARY TO  
GUIDANCE, YOUNG VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE POSTPONED  
TO AROUND MAY 23. THIS IS TO AVOID HAVING VISIT COINCIDE  
WITH MONDALE/VORSTER MEETING IN VIENNA MAY 20.

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